

Rhode Island (RI) Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF)

Children in Foster Care

July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010 (FY2010)

Section 1

Removals to Out-of-Home Placement: Statewide

The data presented in Section 1 reflect an unduplicated count of all children/youth removed from home and entering a RI DCYF out-of-home placement during July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010. The data include children/youth in congregate care, specialized foster care, independent and semi-independent living, relative foster care, nonrelative foster care, and court ordered. The data presented in this report were pulled from the RI DCYF data system, RICHIST.

There were 1,412 children who entered out-of-home care in FY 2010. Of these, 1,186 children (84.0%) were first time entries and 226 children (16.0%) were re-entries. Re-entry is defined as entered within 12 months of a previous discharge from all placements. These figures may be slightly different from Federal Reports that report on a Federal Fiscal Year (October 1 to September 30 time periods).

**Table 1. Number and percent of children entering for first time and children re-entering out-of-home placement, by gender**

Gender	FIRST TIME ENTRIES		RE-ENTRIES	
	N	%	N	%
Female	510	43.0%	95	42.0%
Male	676	57.0%	131	58.0%
Total	1186	100.0%	226	100.0%

**Table 2. Median age at removal for children entering for first time and children re-entering out-of-home placement**

	FIRST TIME ENTRIES	RE-ENTRIES
Number of children	1186	226
Median age at removal	11	15

**Table 3. Number and percent of children entering for first time and children re-entering out-of-home placement, by race**

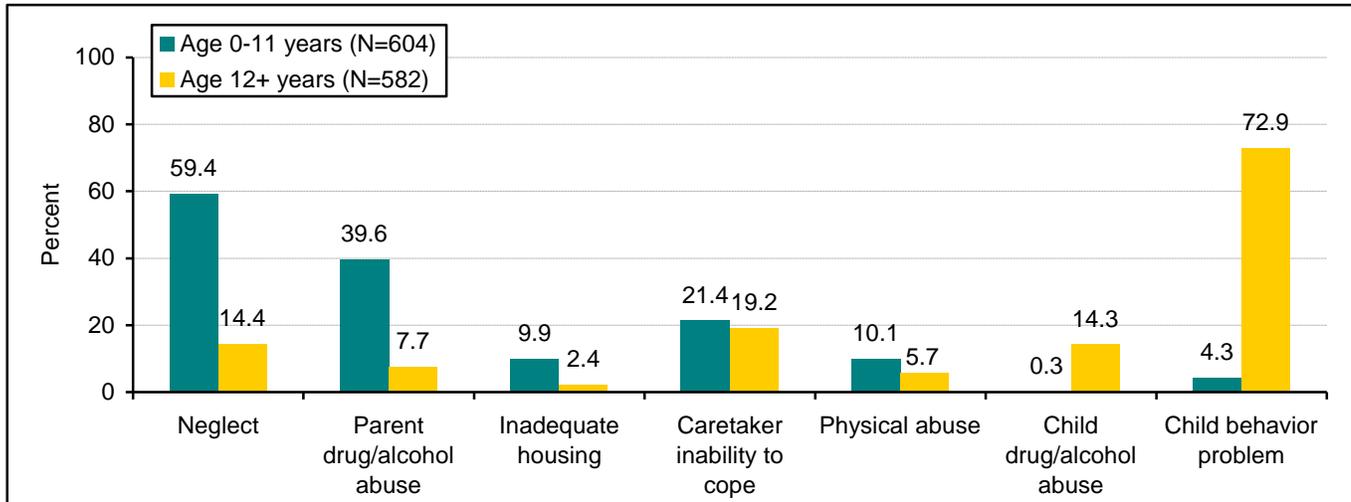
Race	FIRST TIME ENTRIES		RE-ENTRIES	
	N	%	N	%
American Indian	20	1.9%	1	0.5%
Asian/Pacific Islander	20	1.9%	6	2.9%
Black	210	19.7%	37	17.9%
Multiracial	108	10.1%	25	12.1%
White	710	66.5%	138	66.7%
Unknown/Missing	118	--	19	--
Total	1186	100.0%	226	100.0%

**Table 4. Number and percent of children entering for first time and children re-entering out-of-home placement, by ethnicity**

Ethnicity	FIRST TIME ENTRIES		RE-ENTRIES	
	N	%	N	%
Hispanic	331	29.1%	66	29.5%
Non-Hispanic	805	70.9%	158	70.5%
Unknown/Missing	50	--	2	--
Total	1186	100.0%	226	100.0%

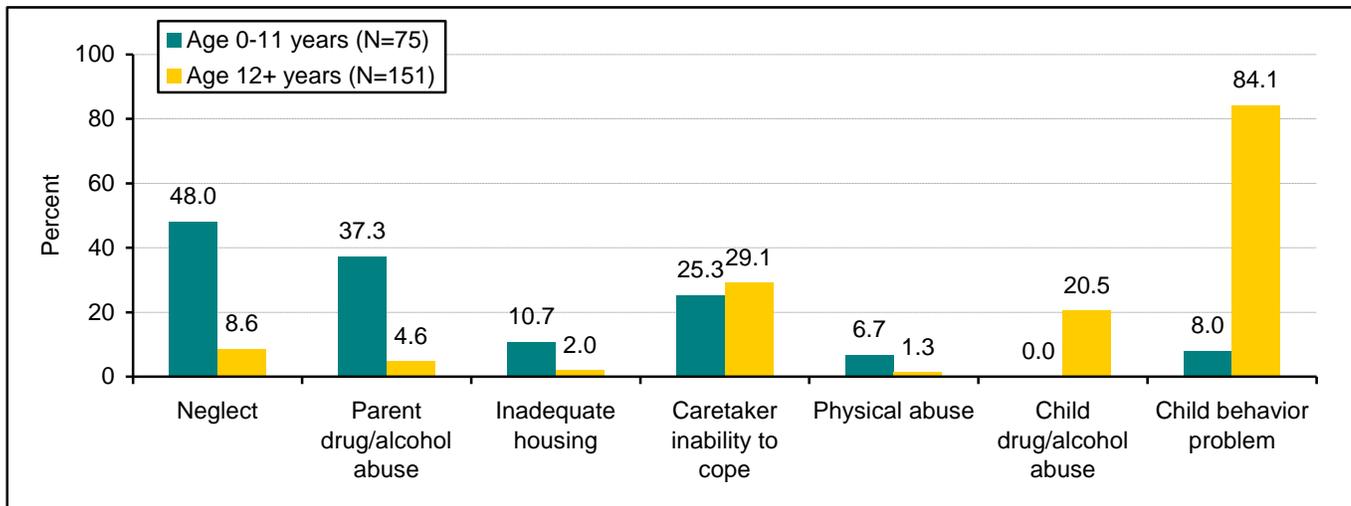
Note: Another way to look at re-entries is the percentage of re-entries in FY10 out of the discharges from all placements in FY09. This approach is used in timeliness to reunification without reentry.

**Figure 1. Percent of children entering into out-of-home placement for the first time, by age group and most frequent removal reasons**



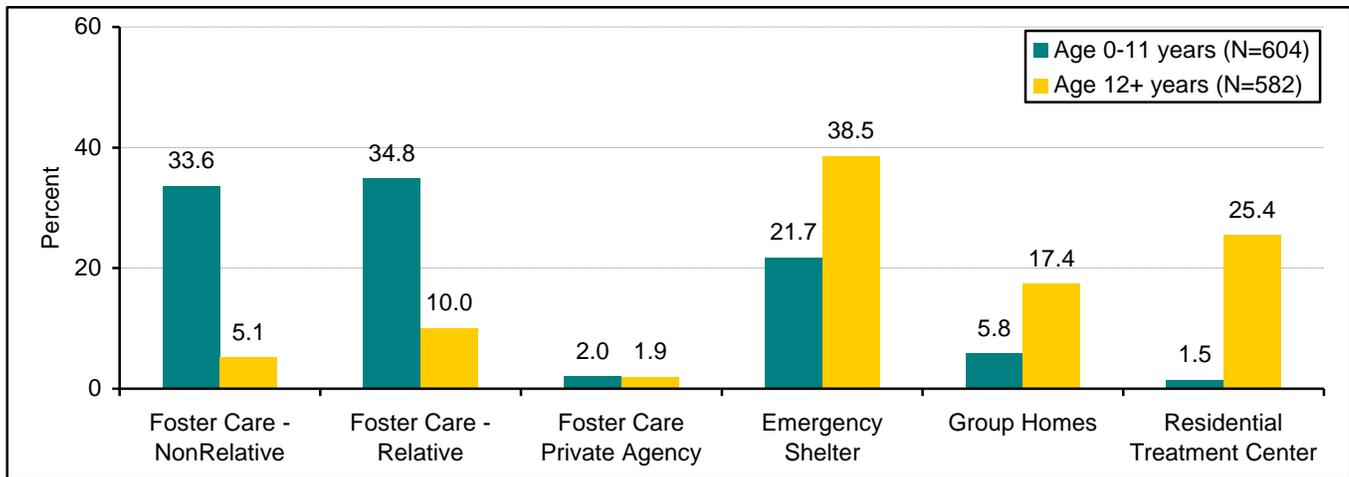
Note: Percentages may add up to over 100% because a youth may have multiple removal reasons. Removal reasons not shown include sexual abuse, clinical diagnosis, parent incarceration, parent death, abandonment, and relinquishment; the percentage for each of these removal reasons is < 10%.

**Figure 2. Percent of children re-entering into out-of-home placement, by age group and most frequent removal reasons**



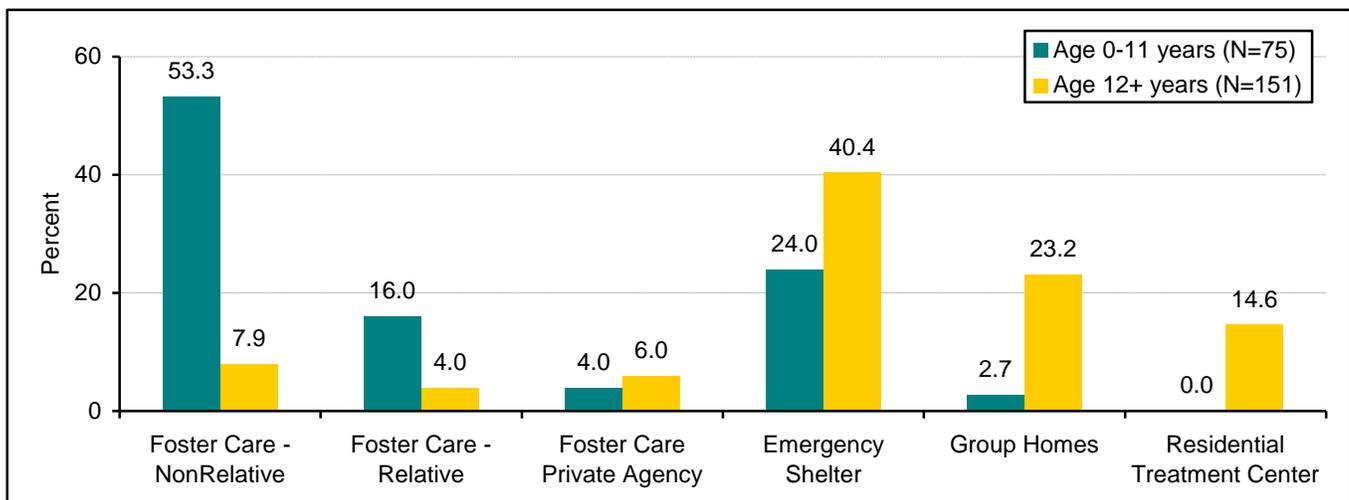
Note: Percentages may add up to over 100% because a youth may have multiple removal reasons. Removal reasons not shown include sexual abuse, clinical diagnosis, parent incarceration, parent death, abandonment, and relinquishment; the percentage for each of these removal reasons is < 15%.

**Figure 3. Percent of children entering into out-of-home placement for the first time, by age group and most frequent first placement service types of current removal**



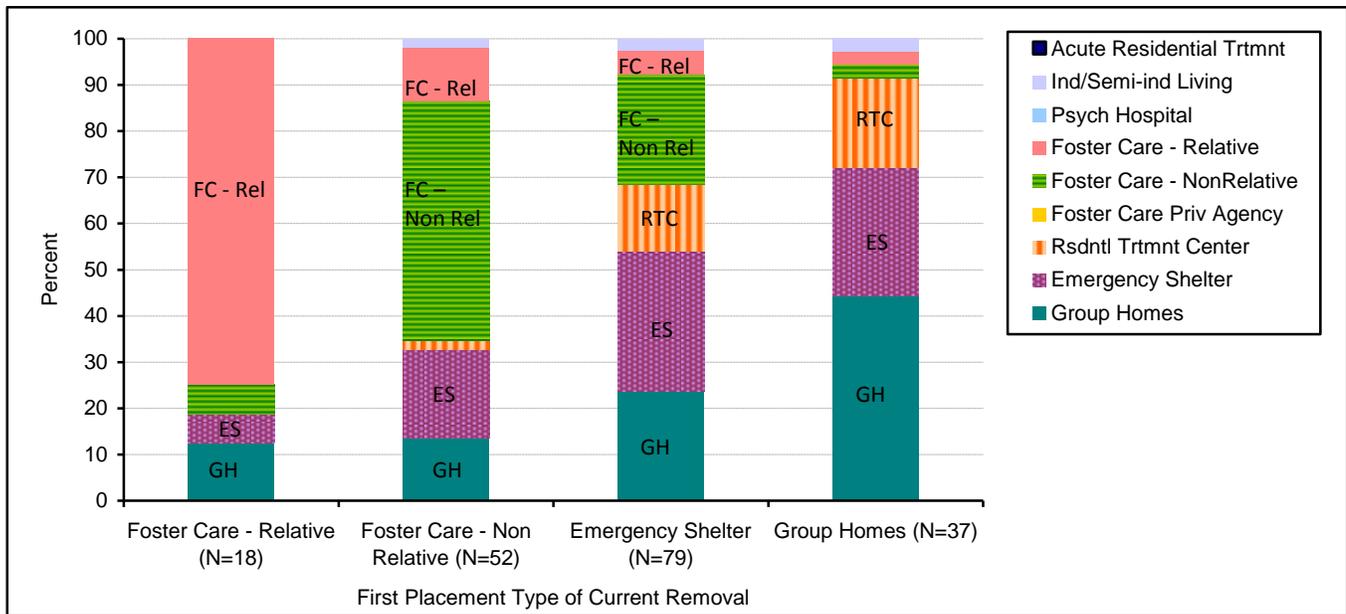
Note: Placement service types not shown include acute residential treatment, independent/semi-independent living, medical hospital, and psychiatric hospital; the percentage for each of these placement service types is < 3%. Residential treatment center includes residential treatment center, residential counseling center, and residential treatment – substance abuse.

**Figure 4. Percent of children re-entering into out-of-home placement, by age group and most frequent first placement service types of current removal**

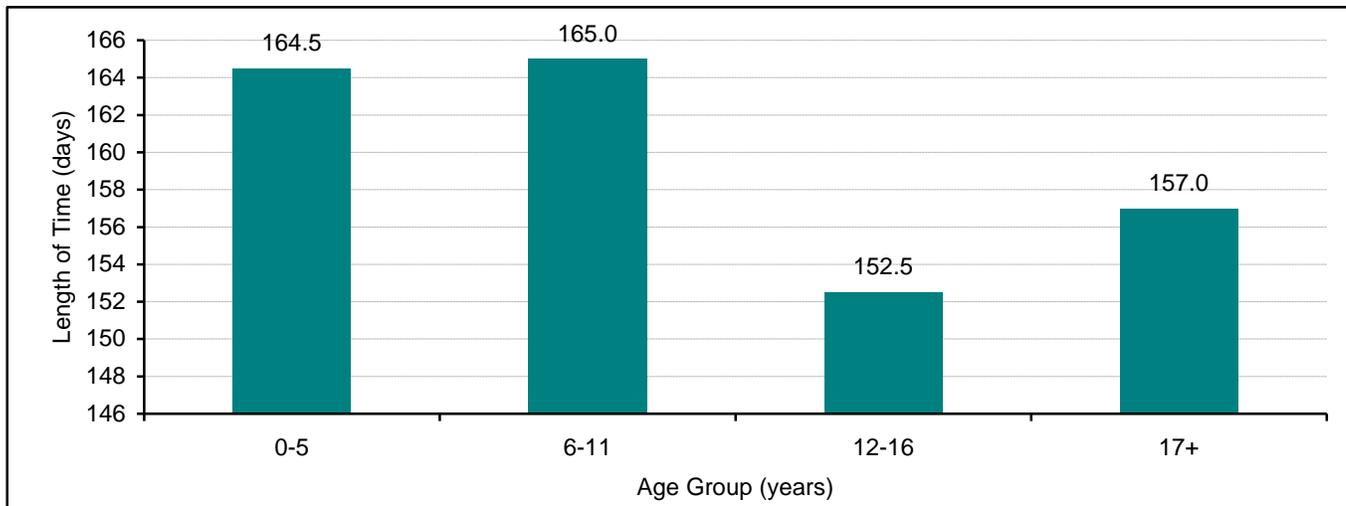


Note: Placement service types not shown include acute residential treatment, independent/semi-independent living, medical hospital, and psychiatric hospital; the percentage for each of these placement service types is < 5%. Residential treatment center includes residential treatment center, residential counseling center, and residential treatment – substance abuse.

**Figure 5. Percent of children re-entering into out-of-home placement, by placement service type at previous discharge for the most frequent first placement service types of current removal**



**Figure 6. Median length of time (days) since previous discharge for children re-entering into out-of-home placement, by age group (N=226)**



## Section 2

### Discharges of Children/Youth: Statewide

The data presented in Section 2 reflect an unduplicated count of all children/youth discharged from all out-of-home placements during July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010. This includes children/youth in congregate care, specialized foster care, independent and semi-independent living, relative foster care, nonrelative foster care, court ordered.

There were 1,435 children discharged from all out of-home placements in FY 2010.

**Table 5. Number and percent of children discharged from all out-of-home placements, by gender**

Gender	N	%
Female	591	41.2%
Male	844	58.8%
Total	1435	100.0%

**Table 6. Number of children discharged and median age at discharge from all out-of-home placements**

N	1435
Median age at discharge	14

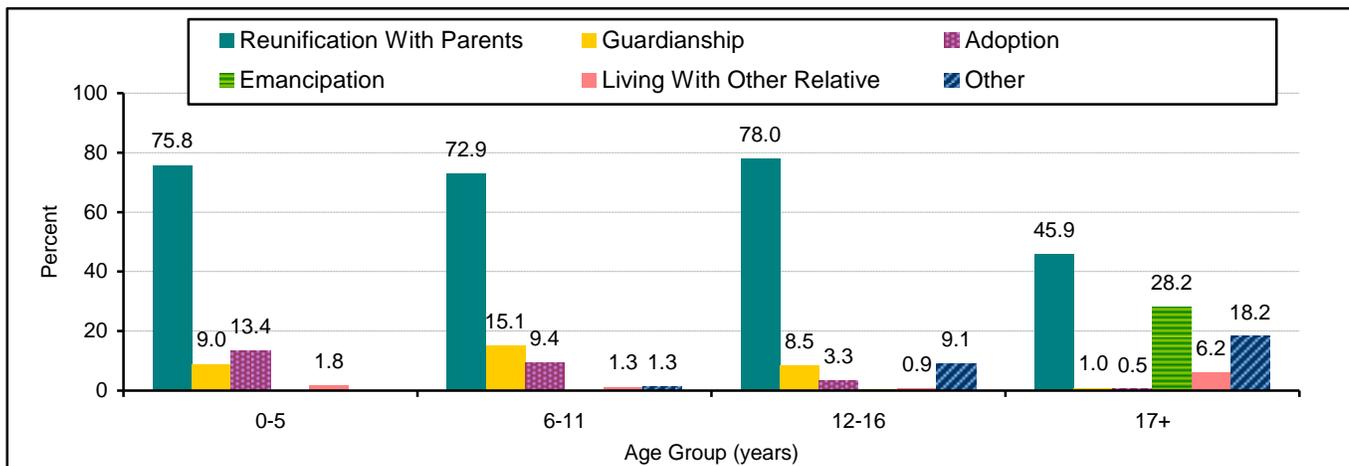
**Table 7. Number and percent of children discharged from all out-of-home placements, by race**

Race	N	%
American Indian	22	1.7%
Asian/Pacific Islander	35	2.7%
Black	271	20.7%
Multiracial	110	8.4%
White	869	66.5%
Unknown/Missing	128	--
Total	1435	100.0%

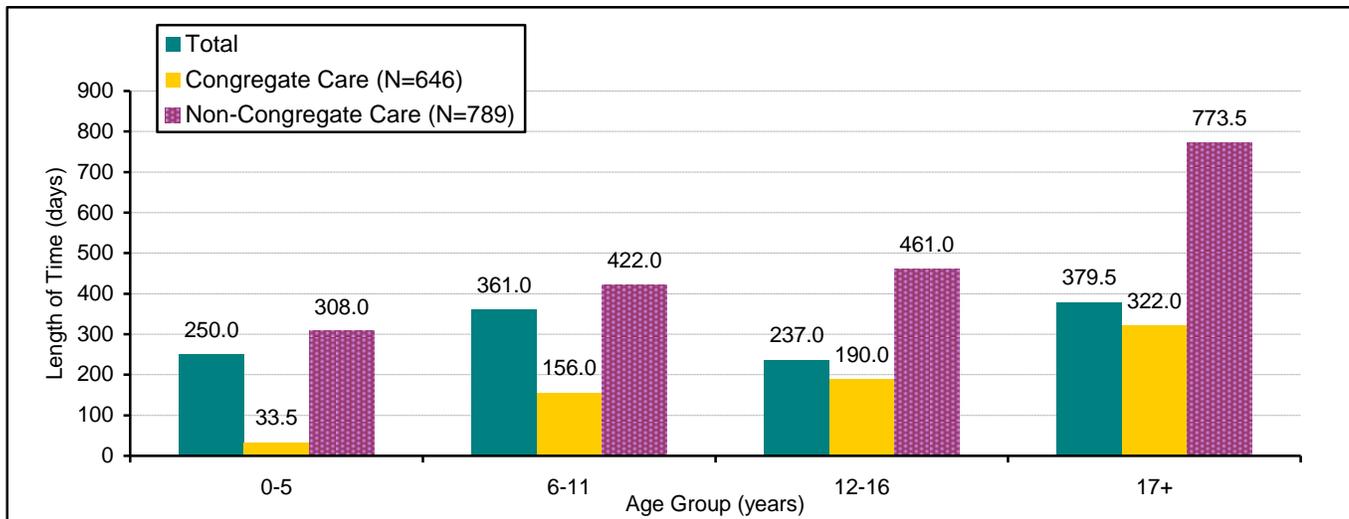
**Table 8. Number and percent of children discharged from all out-of-home placements, by ethnicity**

Ethnicity	N	%
Hispanic	366	26.5%
Non-Hispanic	1013	73.5%
Unknown/Missing	49	--
Total	1435	100.0%

**Figure 7. Percent of children discharged from all out-of-home placements, by discharge reason and age group**



**Figure 8. Median length of time in placement (days) for children discharged from all out-of-home placements, by last placement type and age group (N=1435)**



**Table 9. Number, percent, and median length of time in placement for children discharged from all out-of-home placements, by last placement service type**

Last Placement Service Type	N	%	Median Length of Time (Days) in Placement
Acute Residential Treatment	2	0.1%	41.5
Emergency Shelter	195	13.6%	37.0
Foster Care – Non Relative	243	16.9%	281.0
Foster Care – Relative	354	24.7%	358.0
Foster Care – Private Agency	106	7.4%	789.0
Group Homes	261	18.2%	288.0
Independent/ Semi-Independent Living	79	5.5%	807.0
Pre-Adoption Placement	7	0.5%	1050.0
Residential Treatment Center*	188	13.1%	334.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1435</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>317.0</b>

\* Residential treatment center includes residential counseling center, residential treatment – substance abuse, and generic residential treatment center.

Last Placement Service Type	N	%	Median Length of Time (Days) in Placement
Congregate Care	646	45.0%	227.5
Non-Congregate Care	789	55.0%	425.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1435</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>317.0</b>

## Appendix: Detailed Tables

### Detailed Tables for Section 1: Removals to Out-of-Home Placement: Statewide

**Table 1. Number and percent of children entering for first time and children re-entering out-of-home placement, by removal reason and age group**

Removal Reason	First Time Entries				Re-entries			
	Age 0-11 years (N=604)		Age 12+ years (N=582)		Age 0-11 years (N=75)		Age 12+ years (N=151)	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Neglect	359	59.4%	84	14.4%	36	48.0%	13	8.6%
Parent drug/alcohol abuse	239	39.6%	45	7.7%	28	37.3%	7	4.6%
Inadequate housing	60	9.9%	14	2.4%	8	10.7%	3	2.0%
Caretaker inability to cope	129	21.4%	112	19.2%	19	25.3%	44	29.1%
Physical abuse	61	10.1%	33	5.7%	5	6.7%	2	1.3%
Child drug/alcohol abuse	2	0.3%	83	14.3%	0	0.0%	31	20.5%
Child behavior problem	26	4.3%	424	72.9%	6	8.0%	127	84.1%
Sexual abuse	6	1.0%	14	2.4%	1	1.3%	1	0.7%
Clinical diagnosis	6	1.0%	19	3.3%	0	0.0%	1	0.7%
Parent incarceration	46	7.6%	11	1.9%	10	13.3%	3	2.0%
Parent death	10	1.7%	4	0.7%	3	4.0%	2	1.3%
Abandonment	30	5.0%	6	1.0%	2	2.7%	2	0.7%
Relinquishment	7	1.2%	4	0.7%	2	2.7%	2	1.3%

Note: Percentages may add up to over 100% because a youth may have multiple removal reasons.

**Table 2. Number and percent of children entering for first time and children re-entering out-of-home placement, by first placement service type of current removal and age group**

First Placement Service Type of Current Removal	First Time Entries				Re-entries			
	Age 0-11 years		Age 12+ years		Age 0-11 years		Age 12+ years	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Foster Care – Non Relative	203	33.6%	30	5.1%	40	53.3%	12	7.9%
Foster Care – Relative	210	34.8%	58	10.0%	12	16.0%	6	4.0%
Foster Care – Private Agency	12	2.0%	11	1.9%	3	4.0%	9	6.0%
Emergency Shelter	131	21.7%	224	38.5%	18	24.0%	61	40.4%
Group Homes	35	5.8%	101	17.4%	2	2.7%	35	23.2%
Residential Treatment Center	9	1.5%	148	25.4%	0	0.0%	22	14.6%
Acute Residential Treatment	0	0.0%	4	0.7%	0	0.0%	1	0.6%
Independent/Semi-Independent Living	0	0.0%	4	0.7%	0	0.0%	5	3.3%
Medical Hospital	4	0.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Psychiatric Hospital	0	0.0%	2	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total	604	100.0%	582	100.0%	75	100.0%	151	100.0%

First Placement Service Type of Current Removal	First Time Entries				Re-entries			
	Age 0-11 years		Age 12+ years		Age 0-11 years		Age 12+ years	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Congregate Care	175	29.0%	477	82.0%	20	26.7%	119	78.8%
Non-Congregate Care	429	71.0%	105	18.0%	55	73.3%	32	21.2%
Total	604	100.0%	582	100.0%	75	100.0%	151	100.0%

**Table 3. Number, percent, and median length of time (days) since previous discharge for children re-entering out-of-home placement, by age group**

Age Group (years)	Re-entries		
	N	%	Median length of time (days) since previous discharge
0-5 years	52	23.0%	164.5
6-11 years	23	10.2%	165.0
12-16 years	110	48.7%	152.5
17+ years	41	18.1%	157.0
Total	226	100.0%	156.0

**Detailed Tables for Section 2: Discharges of Children/Youth: Statewide**

**Table 4. Median length of time in placement (days) for children discharged from all out-of-home placements, by age group**

Age Group (years)	N	%	Median length of time (days) in out-of-home placement
0-5 years	343	23.9%	250.0
6-11 years	225	15.7%	361.0
12-16 years	449	31.3%	237.0
17+ years	418	29.1%	379.5
Total	1435	100.0%	317.0